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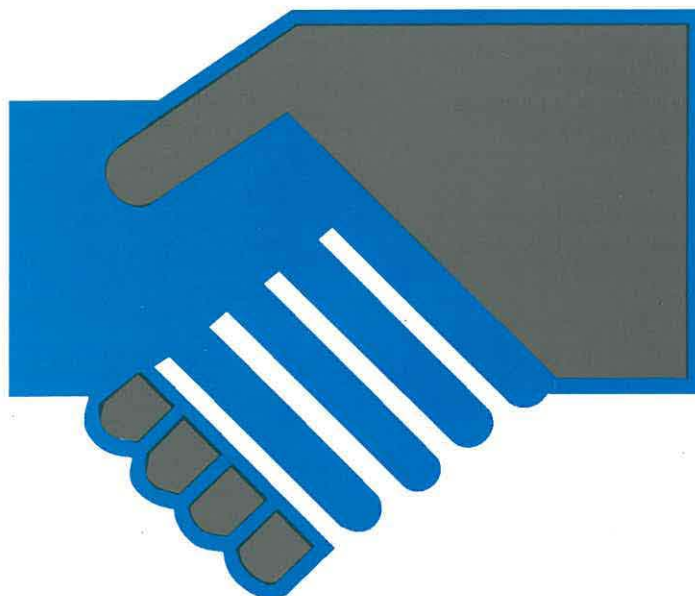
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# THE MEDIATION INSTITUTE

*Providing an academic approach  
to the art of dispute resolution*



Training Calendar  
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# INTRODUCING ... *The Nova University Mediation Institute*

The Nova University Mediation Institute is committed to the study, research, and practice of conflict resolution as a process for achieving improved relations among individuals and institutions. The Institute recognizes the unparalleled opportunities offered by using alternative dispute resolution (ADR) for societal change at all levels. The goal of the Institute, therefore, is to promote alternative methods for the resolution of conflicts, so that parties may achieve a mutuality of agreement based upon equity, rationality, and non-violence. In meeting this goal, the Institute has achieved the academic lead in Florida as the first educational center to establish a full range of ADR programs encompassing five distinct areas:

## ◆ ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

The Mediation Institute provides dynamic and effective pedagogical approaches to ADR. The academic climate is interdisciplinary in its approach to content, and innovative teaching methods are integrated into the curriculum. The Institute utilizes the expertise of University faculty members, as well as practicing professionals knowledgeable in conflict resolution skills and techniques.

The philosophical posture of the Institute is one which explores and promotes interdisciplinary scholarship and curriculum. As a Department within the School of Social and Systemic Studies, the Institute is strategically positioned to interface with and draw from other academic disciplines at the University, including Family Therapy, Law, Business, Education, and Psychology. The Institute is developing both Master's and Doctoral degree programs, as well as certificate programs in specific ADR specializations.

## ◆ TRAINING

The Mediation Institute provides Supreme Court-approved training for those professionals who qualify for Family Law and Circuit Civil Mediation certifications. A full range of continuing education offerings are also made available to mediators and other interested individuals.

The Institute intends to function as an educational coalescing force by bringing these programs to individuals throughout the nation, utilizing

the university's highly successful cluster training concept. Furthermore, the Institute will provide assistance and direction nationally to individuals in academia, government, and business.

## ◆ MEDIATION APPLICATIONS

The Institute has developed a mediation laboratory setting for the advancement of mediation practice and applied research. This laboratory setting provides students the opportunity to observe and participate in a variety of mediation applications, including legal, corporate, familial, and governmental. Additionally, the laboratory provides a practicum site for mediators-in-training who must complete the Supreme Court requisite for observation and mediation experience.

## ◆ RESEARCH

The Mediation Institute serves as an academic center for applied research, focusing on the advancement of the theory and practice of conflict resolution methodologies. The Institute has specific interest in the design, implementation, and analysis of problem-solving processes.

## ◆ CONSULTATION

The Institute faculty serves in an advisory capacity to business, government, and the court system to develop statutory language, rules of civil procedure, teaching models, and ADR service systems for the advancement and application of mediation and other alternative resolution methodologies. The Institute uses those opportunities not only to teach interested parties theory and practical skills, but also to ensure the use and growth of quality alternative dispute resolution instruction and services throughout these areas.



The field of conflict resolution is a "nova" in the realm of interpersonal relationships. The future offers a brilliant promise for the immersion of ADR philosophy into an infinite number of human settings. The aim of the Institute is to expand the theoretical boundaries and practical uses of ADR, thereby offering the community a forum for settling disputes where the individual's interest and integrity are of primary concern.



## INTRODUCING ... *The Mediation Institute Faculty*



### **Marti I. Bonneau**

Marti I. Bonneau is the Director of the Mediation Institute and Assistant Professor of Mediation at Nova University. She brings into the academic arena a twenty year career as a clinical practitioner and administrator, with extensive experience involving the emotional needs of children and their families, and special expertise in issues relating to child custody.

Ms. Bonneau is a Supreme Court certified mediator and trainer for Family Law, County, and Circuit Civil Mediation. She has vast experience teaching the theory and practice of conflict resolution to judges, attorneys, accountants, and clinicians throughout Florida. As the first Director of the Family Mediation Unit for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, she provided mediation services for several thousand litigating parents. Ms. Bonneau is a consultant to mediation programs nationally and internationally.

**Ronald J. Chenail, Jr., Ph.D.**, the Dean of the School of Social & Systemic Studies at Nova University, is an internationally recognized expert in Family Therapy and Qualitative Research. Dr. Chenail lectures on communication skills.

**Melvyn B. Frumkes, Esq.**, restricts his law practice to matrimonial and custody litigation and counseling. He is board certified by the FL Bar in marital and family law, and both a past chair of the Bar's Family Law Section and a past president of the FL chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Mr. Frumkes lectures on family law issues.

**Gema Hernandez, DPA**, is an Associate Professor of Ethno-Gerontology in the School of Business at Nova University. Dr. Hernandez has extensive experience in the area of cross-cultural issues, and lectures on communication skills.

**Timothy J. Iverson, Ph.D.**, is the founder and Director of The Child and Family Institute. He is a founding member and past president of the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. Dr. Iverson lectures on mental health issues.

**Martin I. Lipnack, Esq.**, is certified as a mediator for Circuit Civil, Insurance, and Condominium Mediation, and has been a practicing attorney for over thirty years. Mr. Lipnack lectures on the mediation of insurance issues.

**Mitchell B. Luber, Esq.**, limits his legal practice to matrimonial, family, and custody cases. He is an expert witness on matrimonial law and practice, and is a certified Family Law Mediator. Mr. Luber lectures on family law issues.

**A. Matthew Miller, Esq.**, has been a family law attorney for nearly 20 years. He is Board certified in marital & family law by the Florida Bar, and is Chairman-Elect of the Bar's Family Law Section. Mr. Miller has authored several articles on family law and lectures on these issues.

**Nancy S. Palmer, Esq.**, is a certified Family Law Mediator, and is certified by the Supreme Court to provide training in Family, County, and Circuit Civil Mediation. She is an experienced Family Law attorney, and has a strong professional commitment to the development and advancement of the Florida Guardian Ad Litem program.

**Melvin A. Rubin, Esq.**, has been a practicing attorney for over twenty years and a practicing mediator for over six years. He is a certified Family Law and Circuit Civil Mediator. He has been certified as a mediation trainer by the Supreme Court, and has trained over 700 mediators throughout the State. He has lectured and published on both a state and national level.

**Bruce W. Talcott, Esq.**, is certified by the Supreme Court as a Family Law and Circuit Civil Mediator and trainer. He has been a member of the Florida Bar for nearly twenty years, and has a private mediation practice.

The Mediation Institute also invites local authorities in the fields of mediation, law, psychology, economics, communications, and insurance to participate in the training programs and academic courses offered.



# INTRODUCING ...*The Family Mediation Certification Training Program*

Family mediation is an innovative approach to alternative dispute resolution for conflicts touching the very heart of our society . . . the family. Mediation offers a family the opportunity to resolve divorce-related issues, including custody, alimony, property settlement, visitation, and post-divorce modifications outside of the added stress of the courtroom setting. In mediation, individuals are a true part of the decision making process. Mediated decisions are negotiated, not imposed.

The Family Mediation Training Program provides the participant with a dynamic interplay of lecture, small group discussion, and experiential role plays. The forty (40) hour, five day program is designed to train members of the legal, clinical, and accounting communities to mediate family law disputes. The program content includes:

- ◆ The role of the mediator/mediation ethics
- ◆ Successful mediation techniques and strategies
- ◆ Psychological issues of family mediation
- ◆ The stages of the mediation process
- ◆ Florida family law
- ◆ The economics of divorce

## Professional Prerequisites for Family Law Mediation Certification

- ◆ You must possess a master's or doctoral degree in a behavioral/social science, or be a CPA, attorney, or retired judge.
- ◆ You must have a minimum of four (4) years experience in your professional field.

## Schedule of Family Mediation Training Courses

- ◆ **April 1 - 5, 1992**  
The Club of 110 Tower, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Complimentary self-parking is provided)  
Hotel costs: \$100.00 per night. For hotel reservations, call 305-761-1110
- ◆ **April 22 - 26, 1992**  
Days Inn Rocky Point, Tampa, FL  
Hotel costs: \$59.00 per night. For hotel reservations, call 1-800-237-2555
- ◆ **June 3 - 7, 1992**  
Crown Sterling Suites, Boca Raton, FL  
Hotel costs: \$69.00 per night. For hotel reservations, call 1-800-433-4600

Enrollment is limited to forty (40) individuals per course. Each course is held Wednesday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Sunday until 3:00 p.m.) Complimentary beverages will be served both morning and afternoon. Lunch is on your own, with restaurant facilities available in the hotels and nearby. When calling to make hotel reservations, be sure to identify yourself as a Nova University training participant.

## Continuing Education

The Family Mediation Certification Training has been approved for the following CE credits:

- ◆ **Psychologists**  
Provider # P-211-94, approved by the Board of Psychological Examiners to offer 40 CE credits.
- ◆ **Clinical Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Mental Health Counselors**  
Provider # CM 247-93, approved by the Division of Medical Quality Assurance to offer 40 CE credits.
- ◆ **Certified Public Accountants**  
Approved by the Board of Accountancy for 40 Technical CPE credits.
- ◆ **Judges**  
Approved by the State Courts Administrator for 40 CJE credits.
- ◆ **Attorneys**  
Application for annual renewal has been made to the FL Bar for 30 General & 2 Ethics CLE credits, as well as 47.50 designation/certification credits.

NOTE: The Family Mediation Certification Training Program may also be taken for master's level academic credit. (Course # ADRM 5100). Three credit hours will be awarded upon successful completion of the forty hour course and a mentorship component comprised of two mediation observations and two mediations under the supervision of a certified family mediator (which is also required for Supreme Court certification).

# INTRODUCING ... *The Circuit Civil Mediation Certification Training Program*

Circuit civil mediation is a creative approach to the settlement of non-domestic cases, involving issues such as personal injury, malpractice, contracts, construction, real estate, and product liability. Circuit civil cases frequently involve multiple parties, and may involve cases with financial issues which range from \$5,000.00 to millions of dollars.

The Circuit Civil Mediation Training Program offers the participants a dynamic experiential program. The forty (40) hour, five day program is designed to train members of the legal community in the effective mediation skills and strategies needed to address multiple party, circuit civil issues. The program content includes:

- ◆ The role of the mediator/mediation ethics
- ◆ Interpersonal dynamics of mediation
- ◆ Role of litigants' lawyers in mediation and attorney/client relationship
- ◆ Crafting and drafting agreements
- ◆ Trial court rules and procedures
- ◆ Successful mediation techniques and strategies

NOTE: Approval of the Florida Department of Insurance, which would allow individuals successfully completing the Circuit Civil Mediation Training Program to also receive Insurance Mediation Certification, is pending.

## Professional Prerequisites for Circuit Civil Mediation Certification

- ◆ You must be a member of the Florida Bar with at least five years of Florida practice, or be a retired judge from any United States jurisdiction.

## Schedule of Circuit Civil Mediation Training Courses

- ◆ **April 8-12, 1992**  
Crown Sterling Suites, Miami, FL  
Hotel costs: \$75.00 per night. For hotel reservations, call 305-634-5000
- ◆ **May 13 - 17, 1992**  
The Heritage Hotel, St. Petersburg, FL  
Hotel costs: \$58.00 per night. For hotel reservations, call 1-800-283-7829
- ◆ **June 3 - 7, 1992**  
The Club of 110 Tower, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Complimentary self-parking is provided)  
Hotel costs: \$75.00 per night. For hotel reservations, call 305-761-1110

Enrollment is limited to forty (40) individuals per course. Each course is held Wednesday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Sunday until 3:00 p.m.) Complimentary beverages will be served both morning and afternoon. Lunch is on your own, with restaurant facilities available in the hotels and nearby.

## Continuing Education

The Circuit Civil Mediation Certification Training has been approved for the following CE credits:

- ◆ **Judges**  
Approved by the State Courts Administrator for 40 CJE credits.
- ◆ **Attorneys**  
Application has been made to the FL Bar for CLE credits.

NOTE: The Florida Supreme Court requires that individuals seeking certification as a Circuit Civil mediator successfully complete a forty hour, approved certification course. In addition, individuals must complete a mentorship component, comprised of two mediation observations and two mediations under the supervision of a certified circuit civil mediator.



# INTRODUCING ... *Continuing Education Programs in Mediation*

## ◆ **ADVANCED FAMILY LAW & MEDIATION TRAINING**

**Friday, April 10, 1992**

The Club of 110 Tower, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
(Complimentary self-parking is provided)

### **Agenda**

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### ◆ **Tax Considerations of Dissolution Issues** **Presented by Melvyn B. Frumkes, Esq.**

Melvyn B. Frumkes & Associates, P.A.

Board certified by the Florida Bar in Marital  
and Family Law

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own

(Buffet luncheon available in the Club)

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### ◆ **Updated Florida Family Law** **Presented by A. Matthew Miller, Esq.**

Miller, Schwartz & Miller, P.A.

Board certified by the Florida Bar in Marital  
and Family Law

## **Continuing Education**

This advanced training program has been approved for  
the following CE credits:

#### ◆ **Judges**

Approved by the State Courts Administrator  
for 6 CJE credits.

#### ◆ **Attorneys**

Application has been made to the FL Bar for  
CLE credits.

#### ◆ **Certified Public Accountants**

Approved by the Board of Accountancy for  
6 Technical CPE credits.

## ◆ **MEDIATION CERTIFICATE SERIES**

(non-degree)

### **Making Mediation Work For You**

This seminar series offers individuals a basic understanding of mediation, while providing specific skills and techniques applicable to many facets of daily living. The seminars are designed for persons who are interested in using mediation skills in their work, community, and personal environments but who, because of educational or professional requirements, would not otherwise qualify for mediation certification.

Four separate seminars will be presented, and they may be taken individually or as a certificate series. Individuals who attend all four sessions will receive a Mediation Institute Certificate of Completion.

### **Seminar Schedule**

#### ◆ **The Art of Mediation**

Tuesday, April 14

#### ◆ **Mediation in Personal Relationships**

Wednesday, May 6

#### ◆ **Mediation in the Community**

Tuesday, May 26

#### ◆ **Mediation in the Marketplace**

Tuesday, June 16

Each of the seminars will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the campus of Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale.

### **Seminar Faculty**

The seminars will be presented by Marti I. Bonneau, Director of the Mediation Institute and Assistant Professor of Mediation at Nova University. Joining her at each seminar will be local experts with extensive experience in the specialty area being addressed that evening.

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINES

## CANCELLATION POLICY

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NOVA UNIVERSITY MEDIATION INSTITUTE  
Spring 1992 Mediation Training Schedule

Family Mediation Training:

April 1-5 Ft. Lauderdale  
April 22-26 Tampa  
June 3-7 Boca Raton

Circuit Civil Training:

April 8-12 Miami  
May 13-17 St. Petersburg  
June 3-7 Ft. Lauderdale

Advanced Family Law & Mediation Seminar  
April 10, Ft. Lauderdale

Continuing Education Certificate Seminar Series: Nova University Campus

The Art of Mediation	April 14
Mediation in Personal Relation	May 6
Mediation in the Community	May 26
Mediation in the Marketplace	June 16

TO LEARN ABOUT THESE AND OTHER MEDIATION TRAINING &  
ACADEMIC COURSES, CALL:

1-800-541-NOVA, Extension 5736 or 305-424-5736

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